

The Chairman & Members of the  
Urban District Council Selhill

Annual Report  
1894.

Gentlemen,

I have great pleasure  
in presenting you with my Annual  
Report as Medical Officer of Health  
for the year 1894.

During the year thirty five deaths  
took place from all causes in the  
district, 19 males & 16 females.

When we estimate the population  
of the district as in former years at  
2300 this number gives an annual  
mortality at the rate of 15.2 per  
thousand of the population. In the  
year 1893 it amounted to 20.4 and  
during 1892 a mortality at the rate  
of 15.6 per thousand obtained.

These rates give an average mort-  
ality for the last three years of 17.2  
per thousand of the population per  
annum.

The deathrate for the year 1894 is  
thus seen to be very satisfactory  
but 4 of the deaths were of persons  
not resident in the district but were  
either accidentally killed on the  
North Eastern Railway when visiting







The district or were brought into it in a dying condition from other places. By subtracting this number we get the normal mortality as 31 and consequently a deathrate of 13.4 per thousand which is more in consonance with the universally low deathrate which has prevailed throughout the country during the year.

Eighty-six births have been registered in the district during the year which gives a birthrate of 37.39 per thousand of the population. The births during 1893 shewed a rate of 30 and in 1892 the rate amounted to 37.8 per thousand of the population per annum. This shews an average birthrate for the last 3 years of 34.7.

The various deaths which occurred at all ages during the year were from the following causes.

Bronchitis, Pneumonia & Pleurisy	=	7
Phthisis	=	1
Debility from Birth	=	7
Heart Disease	=	4
Injuries & Suicide	=	3
Other Causes	=	13
Total		35







The different-ages at which the deaths took place were:—

Under 1 year	1 under 5	5 under 15	15 under 25	25 under 60	60 upwards
10	8	4	1	5	8

The deaths as they occurred in the different months, quarters & half years were:—

Jan	Feb.	Mar	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
2	1	2	1	1	2	3	6	7	1	1	8

Quarters.

5	4	16	10
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Half years.

9	26
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### Infant Mortality.

Eighteen of the 35 deaths occurred under 5 years of age and thus gives an annual infant-death-rate of 7.8 per thousand of the population and at the rate of 209.3 per thousand of the births registered.

This mortality during 1893 was at the rate of 8.26 per thousand of the population and in 1892 an infant-mortality of 9.13 obtained. The average infant-death-rate for the last 3 years is seen to be at the rate of 8.3 per thousand of the population and







241.9 per thousand of the births registered during that time.

When we examine these 18 deaths more minutely we find that 5 died under 1 month, 2 between 1 & 6 months, 3 under 12 months, thus shewing that 10 died under 1 year and 8 between 1 & 5 years.

Seven of these deaths were caused by Debility from Birth.

Six by Pneumonia

Two by Tabes Mesenterica and three by other Causes.

### Zymotic Disease;—

The only forms of Zymotic disease which have occurred during the year were Diarrhoea and Erysipelas.

### Diarrhoea;—

This disease assumed a much less severe form than in former years and was neither so prevalent nor so fatal.

Only 10 cases of the disease came under notice, & were chiefly among adults and largely the result of indiscretions of diet. No deaths occurred.

### Erysipelas;—

Two mild cases of







This disease came under observation during the year but no deaths resulted.

### Zymotic Mortality:-

No deaths have taken place in the district from Zymotic or preventable disease during the year.

This is a most satisfactory state of things when we consider the nature of the district and population.

### Sanitary Work:-

The sanitary work of the Board has been done very satisfactorily so far as keeping the ash pits &c. regularly cleaned up, and the all but entire absence of epidemic disease which is so frequently attributable to unsanitary conditions speaks well for this, as nothing due to such a cause has occurred in the form of disease.

I have frequently inspected the Sanitary arrangements of the district during the year and have found them generally satisfactory -

I was consulted by the County







Medical Officer regarding the  
privy accommodation which we  
along with the Sanitary Inspector  
investigated and reported the  
result to the Board at last  
meeting - I hope the Council will  
at once see to this matter being  
dealt with in as thorough a  
manner as the nature of the  
district will allow.

I would also again urge the  
Council in the early months  
of the year to have all the houses  
in the village and especially  
in the close squares and yards  
thoroughly lime-washed which,  
besides being healthful adds  
materially to the cleanliness &  
brightness of the village and  
removes that grimy and dingy  
look which has become proverbial  
by outsiders regarding the village  
of Seghill.

I have to congratulate the  
members of the new District  
Council upon their coming into  
office under such favourable con-  
ditions of the public health of  
the district, more especially the  
low general death rate, practically  
the absence of epidemic disease  
and upon there not being a







single death attributable to any  
form of preventable disease which  
is a most satisfactory condition  
and one which I hope will encour-  
age the Council to go forward  
in still improving if possible  
such a creditable state of matters  
in the district entrusted to their  
care.

The Local Government Board  
Schedules are appended to  
this Report.

I am  
Gentlemen  
Your Most Servant

W. H. Hudson Esq. M.D.

Medical Officer of Health

Leiston, Delaval

February 13<sup>th</sup> 1895







Dea Hill

Albany District.

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# NOTES ON TABLES A AND B.

- NOTE 1. *Medical Officers of Health of "Combined Districts" must make a separate Return for the District of each District Council.*
2. *Medical Officers of Health acting for a portion only of the District of a District Council should write, in the heading of the Table, the designation of the Division for which they act.*
3. *The words "Urban," "Rural," or "Metropolitan" must be inserted in the appropriate space in the heading, according as the District is Urban or Rural, or is within the Metropolitan Area.*
4. *The "Localities" adopted for the purpose of these statistics should be areas of known population; such as parishes, groups of parishes, townships or wards.*

As stated at the head of the first column in each Table, *Public Institutions* should be regarded as separate localities, and the deaths in them should be separately recorded. Workhouses, Hospitals, Infirmaries, Asylums, and other establishments into which numbers of people, and especially of sick people, are received are Public Institutions for the purpose of these statistics.

5. *The deaths which have to be classified in this Table (A), and summed up in the horizontal line of "Totals," are the whole of those registered as having actually occurred in the several localities comprised within the Division or District. But the registered number of deaths frequently requires correction before it can give an exact view of the mortality of a Division or District; and the two lowest horizontal lines are provided for the purpose of enabling Medical Officers of Health to indicate, to the best of their ability, what the extent of such corrections should be. Details concerning the corrective figures, e.g., the institutions that have been considered, or the particular localities to which corrections apply, may appear in the text of the report or in supplementary tables.*

Area and Population of the District or Division to which this Return relates.							
Area in Acres	1425						
Population (1891)	2269						
Death Rates.	<table><tr><td>General</td><td>15.2</td><td>per 1,000 Population.</td></tr><tr><td>Infant</td><td>209.3</td><td>per 1,000 Births Registered.</td></tr></table>	General	15.2	per 1,000 Population.	Infant	209.3	per 1,000 Births Registered.
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In recording the facts under the various headings of Tables A and B, attention has been given to the notes endorsed on the Tables.

*Robert H. [Signature]* Medical Officer of Health.

(Date) *February 13*, 1895.



Officer of Health, during the year 1894, in the Seahell Mission District; classified according to DISEASES, AGES and LOCALITIES.

District; classified according to

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State here whether "Notification of Infectious Disease" is compulsory in the District ✓  
 and headings the names of any that are notifiable in the District, and fill the columns accordingly.  
 Each Hospital is situated; and if not within the District, state where it is situated \_\_\_\_\_

No: Since when? \_\_\_\_\_  
 State here the name of the Isolation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name \_\_\_\_\_

Besides the above-mentioned Diseases, insert in the columns with Hospital used by the sick of the District. Mark (H) the Locality in which



# NOTES ON TABLE B.

(See also Notes on back of Table A.)

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- NOTE 1. The present *Table B.* is concerned with population, births, and sickness (not with mortality) in the district or division to which the Table relates.
2. As stated in the heading of Col. (a), *Public Institutions* should be regarded as separate localities, and the new cases of sickness in them should be separately recorded. Workhouses, Hospitals, Infirmarys, Asylums, and other establishments into which numbers of people, and especially of sick people, are received, are Public Institutions for the purpose of these statistics.
3. *Comments on any unequal incidence of notifiable disease upon the several localities, and considerations as to the local incidence of consumption and other prevalent diseases, should be made in the text of the Report.*







